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Title: LOW PROFILE ANASTOMOSIS CONNECTOR					
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For : LOW PROFILE ANASTOMOSIS CONNECTOR

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Applicants respectfully direct the attention of the Examiner to additional art cited with respect to U.S. Application No. 09/936,805 which is a U.S. national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/IB00/00310, filed on March 20, 2000. The present application is also a continuation-in-part (CIP) under 35 U.S.C. §111(a) of U.S. Application No. 09/701,531, U.S. Application No. 09/701,523, U.S. Application No. 09/936,806 and U.S. Application No. 09/936,789.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP §2001.06, MPEP §1893.03(e) and MPEP §1893.03(g) and to indicate in the next office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications mentioned in this application which the Examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

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Applicants wish to point out that copies of items 1-4 are not attached as they are available in parent file U.S. Application No. 09/936,806.

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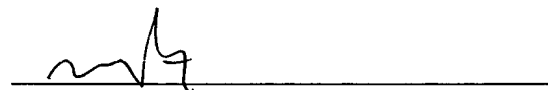
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Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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	2	5,488,958	06 Feb '96	TOPEL, H. C. et al.			
	3	5,989,278	23 Nov '99	MUELLER, R. L.			
	4	6,171,319	09 Jan '01	NOBLES, A. A. et al.			
	5	6,248,117	19 Jun '01	BLATTER, D. D. et al.			

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